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Dear Mr. Marty:

Thank you for your letter of November 14, 2005, concerning "alleged secret detention centers in Council of Europe member states." On December 5, 2005, our Secretary of State made a statement on this issue, a copy of which I enclose. I trust this statement responds to the concerns that CoE member States have raised.

Sincerely,

Craig R. Stapleton

Enclosure: As stated.

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